

REMARKS

In the final Office Action dated February 1, 2006, the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based upon United States Patent Application Publication US 2005/0070985 issued to Knapp et al. An affidavit by Daniel Sigg along with documentary evidence is submitted herewith that shows the diligent efforts by the Applicants occurred before the Knapp reference. Therefore, Knapp does not qualify as prior art. Withdrawal of the instant rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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